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In providing comment on the issues listed in the July 19 proposal (66 FR 37617), commenters should focus on the preamble, technical support documents, and record associated with the January 22, 2001, arsenic in drinking water regulation (66 FR 6976), not the June 2000 proposal (65 FR 38888). EPA made many changes to the analyses supporting the January decisions in response to public comment on the June 2000 proposal. The Agency addressed comments on the June 2000 proposed rule in the response-to-comments document in the docket for W-99-16-III and summarized responses to the major comments in the preamble of the January 2001 regulation.

In developing comments, commenters may also wish to consider information from the reviews described in the July proposal. EPA plans to announce when the new reviews are available. EPA will consider the new information and provide an additional opportunity for public comment this fall on the new analyses along with EPA's preliminary conclusion about whether the January 2001 arsenic rule should be revised, and if so, what the revised standard should be.

#### EPA's Review of Comments

E-mail submissions to the new arsenic docket address, *ow-arsenic-docket@epa.gov*, will help the Agency process comments. Over 20,000 people submitted 1,112 on-time comments during the 14-day comment period for the April 23 proposal to extend the effective date to February 22, 2002. However, electronic arsenic comments sent to *ow-docket@epa.gov* will also become part of the arsenic record.

In the July 19 proposal, EPA requested comment on whether the data and technical analyses associated with the arsenic rule published in the January 22, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 6976), as well as any new information that may be available, would support setting the enforceable arsenic drinking water standard, or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), at 3 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) (the feasible level), 5  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (the level

proposed in June 2000), 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (the level published in the January 2001 rule), 20  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , or an alternative level. The Agency's response-to-comments document for the final decision on the arsenic standard will address the comments received for the July 19 proposal, and this document will be made available in the docket. The response-to-comment document will also address comments on EPA's perspective of the new analyses, and EPA expects that notice will be published in the fall of 2001. To facilitate development of the response-to-comments document, EPA appreciates receiving an electronic version in addition to the original and three copies for large submissions (e.g., over 10 pages). The Agency does not send out individual replies to respond to those who submit comments.

#### Availability of Docket

For an appointment to review the docket for this rulemaking, call (202) 260-3027 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday and refer to Docket W-99-16-VI. Every user is entitled to 100 free pages, and after that the Docket charges 15 cents a page. Users are invoiced after they copy \$25, which is 267 photocopied pages.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 271

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#### Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Vermont has adopted the rule for the Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for the IBM Semiconductor Manufacturing Facility in Essex Junction, Vermont. This rule was published by the EPA on September 12, 2000 (65 FR 59955). The State applied to EPA for Final authorization of the revision to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to Vermont. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of

this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the change by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we receive written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we receive comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Send your written comments by September 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Robin Biscaia, Hazardous Waste Unit, EPA New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CHW), Boston, MA 02114-2023; Phone number: (617) 918-1642. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by Vermont during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA New England Library, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (LIB), Boston, MA 02114-2023; Phone number: (617) 918-1990; Business hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; or the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, 103 South Main Street—West Office Building, Waterbury, VT 05671-0404; Phone number: (802) 241-3888; Business hours: 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin Biscaia 617-918-1642 and at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 17, 2001.

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